



Africa RISING ESA Steering Committee Meeting

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Outcomes:

1. Branding and marketing

- All products that come out of AR should have the corporate branding (CDs, leaflets, ppt, signboards, posters, videos, reports). This is important for our identity and visibility.
- Guidelines to be published on the wiki, become part of the new contracts.
- Contact project communication specialists (Catherine Njuguna , Jeffrey Oliver) when planning PA materials



2. Workplan approval

- Coordinator and chief scientist pre-review all proposals before sending them to SC for approval
- Deadlines:
 - ✓ Draft proposals today to Mateete
 - ✓ Mateete/Irmgard review by 15 September and provide feedback
 - ✓ Submission of final proposals to Coordinator by 22 September
 - ✓ Coordinator sends proposals to SC
 - ✓ SC to approve proposals by 30 September
 - ✓ Coordinator informs PIs
 - ✓ Partner institution submits proposal to IITA by 10 October
 - ✓ IITA issues contract by 15 October
 - ✓ Partner institution signs contract by 25 October
 - ✓ Funds disbursed by 31 October



3. Project review

- External review likely to be commissioned by USAID in year 4
- AR to commission a review end of year 3; to be presented to USAID

4. Steering Committee membership

- Vacant CGIAR seat to be offered to ICRISAT for one year, thereafter IWMI, CIMMYT



5. SI in rice-based systems

- Important commodity in Tanzania
- Explore national partners to resume research

6. ASARECA General Assembly and Scientific Conference 9-13 December, Bujumbura

- Africa RISING presence at the program level , exhibition booth and presentation, tbd at next PCT



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